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Amateur Radio Club

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Our 30th Anniversary

The Oregon Tualatin Valley Amateur Radio Club is a special service club related to ARRL: The National Association for Amateur Radio. We seek to advance the Amateur Radio Service through:

- ⇒ Education and Training of new and licensed amateurs
- ⇒ Public Service and Emergency communication
- ⇒ Hobby nets, contests and meetings
- ⇒ Social events

Membership is available to anyone. An amateur radio license is not required.

30th

Thirtieth Anniversary Edition

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY OTVARC!

Our Thirtieth Anniversary takes place this month. Many amateur radio operators have come through Oregon Tualatin Valley Amateur Radio Club. You are just ONE of the many who have shared their interests and skills with others – and the community – through OTVARC.

Our celebration events this month include the Anniversary Banquet, "Building Our Future," on Friday, May 9th at Ernesto's Italian Restaurant in Beaverton. Advance reservations were required and will have closed by the time you receive this issue (the Banquet is not subsidized by Club Dues or other fund-raisers). Our SPECIAL ON AIR EVENT will put W7OTV in operation from four different locations, three in Tualatin Valley and one at Seaside (at SEA-PAC).

We've included pages from The OSCILLATOR from previous years for your enjoyment.

More than a hundred hams have stepped up in leadership to serve on our Board. Sixteen members have given five years or more to service on the Board of Directors. They are highlighted in this issue.

As we celebrate we are reminded by our Banquet Theme that these thirty years are but foundation for the work this club will accomplish in the future. "Building Our Future" could be the slogan for OTVARC for the next decade of service.

Pictures from early OSCILLATORS



#110 Doug Bull, N7CDI. Has a nice Heathkit station & uses an IC260 for 2m base. Mini-quad and dipoles for HF work. Sales Manager for a commercial fire alarm system company. Second hobby is photography.



#170 Terry Biggs, WB7CHK. HF is Yaesu 101EE using wire. A Kenwood TS700A for 2m base & a Midland on 220mhz. He has a HUGE workshop. Engineering Technician for Tek. Enjoys rifle & handgun shooting & loads his own.

THERE IS NO CLUB MEETING AT PEPPERMILL ON MAY 13TH



OREGON TUALATIN VALLEY AMATEUR RADIO CLUB

APRIL 1984

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Trustee: Warren Knight N7BIJ
Trustee: John Koenig NB7W
Trustee: Jerry Norman ND7T

MEETING: 2nd WEDNESDAY BEAVERTON ELKS AT 7:00 p.m. (Dinner at 6:30 p.m.)

MEETING PROGRAM: COMPLETE PROGRAM DETAILS CAN BE FOUND ON THE BACK PAGE.

OREGON STATE HAM CONVENTION

The title is not altogether correct, as many of you know. When NB7W gave the editor a large selection of block titles he didn't anticipate a need for adding "ARRL Northwestern Division Convention". John, you are forgiven. Anyway, not much has been seen in the 'letter' about the convention other than the small push to fill the club motel and there have been good reasons for that. Now that registration forms are completed and all of the committees have had at least one meeting, we can start our in-club publicity campaign. Some of you newer members may wonder why we need to do this. ?? In 1982 AND 1983, club preregistrations numbered in the mid 70s. Taking into consideration that the primary convention committees number about 35 and the security people who sign up for duty total another 35, that just about takes care of the preregistration figure. Now I ask you, when a club questionnaire is sent out and it shows that the OREGON STATE CONVENTION ranks second only to field day in club activity interest and our average membership has numbered around 220, what are the other 150 members doing? Or better put, thinking! The Clark County and Hoodview clubs more than match our own preregistration figures and if that isn't embarrassing to you, it certainly is to your convention committee people. In this 'letter' you will discover a PREREGISTRATION FORM and we hope that you will send it in ASAP. No self addressed stamped etc. on this one. It is up to you!! If you wish to perpetuate the convention, have any pride in YOUR club and appreciate the HUNDREDS OF HOURS spent by fellow members in making this event the most well attended and respected in the northwest, please show it by preregistering. On a sweeter note, Tra La, the heavy part of the BIG SHOW is in good shape!! The seminar schedule is bulging to the point that we will use the Landmark Motor Inns conference room to handle the overflow. All of the neat PRIZES have been carefully selected and we might add that they are MUCH improved over last year. Last year at this time we had 10 booths up for grabs. As of now we are FULL. It will mean doubling up (ctd.)

HONOR ROLE OTVARC CLUB LEADERSHIP

There are sixteen hams who have served as members of our Board of Directors for five years or more during our first thirty years. While there are people not on this list who have served equivalent amounts of time in non-Board leadership, we want to salute these for their service:

19 YEARS

Al Berg W7SIC (2 President; 17 Trustee)

13 YEARS

Wes Allen K7WWG (All as Trustee)

9 YEARS

Janet Bell WB7FJC (3 VPresident; 6 Trustee)

Alvin Carlson KB7VHI (5 Treasurer; 4 Trustee)

8 YEARS

J.D. Fort K7JDF (2 President; 2 VPresident;
4 Trustee)

7 YEARS

Randy Cobb WN7W (1 VPresident; 1 Secretary;
5 Trustee)

Warren Knight N7BIJ (3 Treasurer; 4 Trustee)

6 YEARS

Will Sheffield N7THL (6 Trustee)

5 YEARS

Brad Beach N7NVC (3 Secretary; 1 Treasurer;
1 Trustee)

Susan Benson N7EPE (1 VPresident; 3 Treasurer;
1 Trustee)

Linda Cereghino N7CZY (3 Secretary; 2 Trustee)

Robert Crocker WN7O (2 President; 3 Trustee)

Everett Curry W6ABM (2 VPresident; 3 Secretary)

Phil Kane K2ASP (All as Trustee)

Bob Orr WF7Q (1 VPresident; 4 Trustee)

Don Stettler KK7TN (3 President; 2 VPresident)

Our Thanks to these for their commitment to the quality of leadership serving OTVARC.

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July Clear Channel Portland Studio/AM Transmitter Field Trip

- Trip will be our July General Club Meeting
- **Advance signup required** (first 80 members)
- Signup cutoff date is the end of Field Day
- June 28 (if not previously filled)
- Signup sheets at OTVARC meetings or by email to k7jdf@arrl.net.
- Studio Tour includes 3 FM & 2 AM stations
- Transmitter Tour includes solid state 50K & 25K sites
- Sorry, paid OTVARC members only.

HAMFESTS & CONVENTIONS

30, 31 May, 1 June 2008
SEA-PAC

**Northwestern Division
Convention
Seaside Oregon**

www.seapac.org

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1 - 3 August 2008
Pacific NW DX Convention
Portland Oregon

Willamette Valley DX Club

<http://wvdx.org>

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ONLINE CALENDAR:

my.calendars.net/otvarc/

Want to keep track of events planned by various interest groups within the club? Want to check out the date for upcoming contests, projects, hamfests, etc. Here is the place to start. You find a link to this page on our web site www.otvarc.org. Have you checked out our web page lately? Is there something you'd like to see included there?

Your business advertising in *THE OSCILLATOR* is seen each month. We have more than 190 members who read *THE OSCILLATOR*.

To include your "Business Card" ad (\$48.00 annually) or "Display" - HRO size ad (\$60.00 annually), contact **Maureen O'Rourke** at 503.591.9641. There is currently limited space available.

Happy May Birthday

1	Don Branda	N7DDK
1	Keith Nichols	K7KEV
1	Jim Graffy	AE7W
3	Len Lardieri	KE7JLX
4	Richard Wiehrdt	WA7BND
6	George Bates	K7GWB
8	Robbin Heath	AD7RN
16	Willy Lund	KC7ICQ
18	Wally Boleen	KC7TB
21	Karl Anderson	NM7N
23	Patricia Rickman	N7UUD
23	Kevin Curry	KA7KYQ
24	Stephen Coan	KA7MOW
25	Donald Copeland	W7DPV
26	Sue Dauntless	KB7RHH
26	Richard Morgan	KD7GIE
28	Barry Carlson	W7BLC
30	Joel Simmons	AD7IS

Have we missed your birthday?
Likely we do not have your correct
date in our database.



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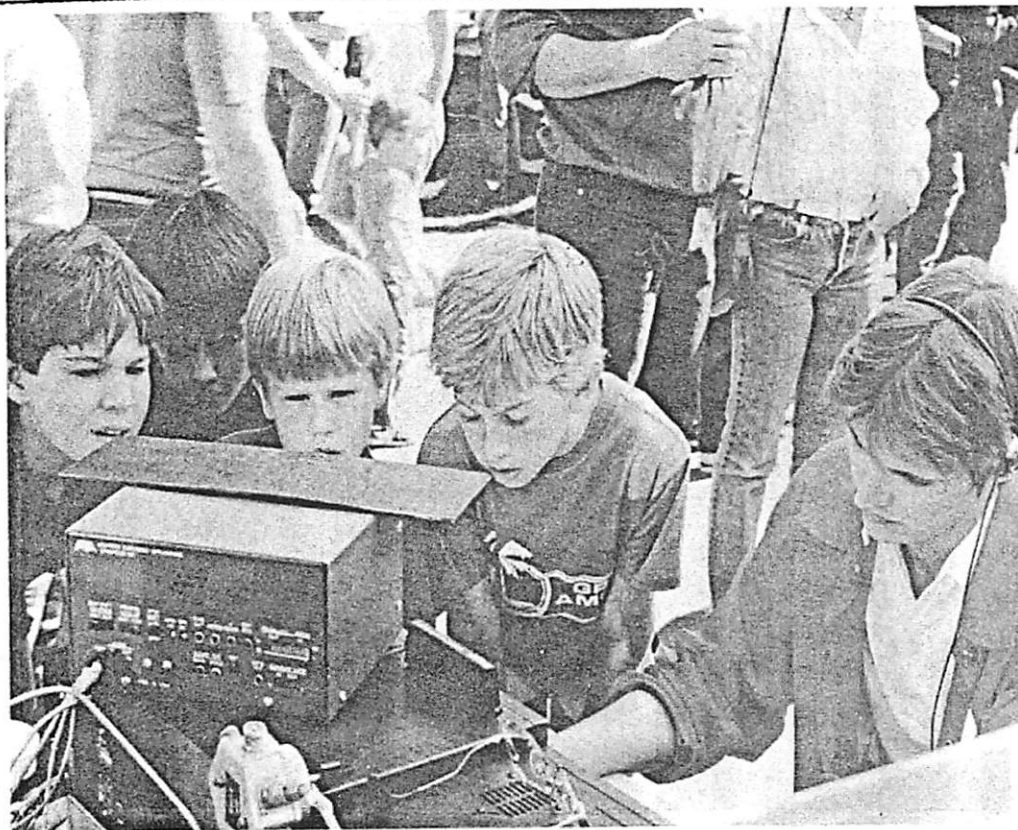
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Mark, N7CRQ, hard at it on CW at Beaverton Good Neighbor Days booth. The attention given the AEA CW reader sums up the value of our participation!!

THE OSCILLATOR, November 1985 - Front Page (Editor: Al Berg)

SEASIDE SPAGHETTI FEED

The Sunset Empire Amateur Radio Club and the Seaside Tsunami Amateur Radio Society of Clatsop County will hold an "All-You-Ca-Eat Spaghetti Feed" Friday, May 30th from 5:00 pm to 8:30 pm at the Seaside Fire Hall, 150 S. Lincoln, Seaside, Oregon. This is the first day of SEA-PAC. The event is a fund-raiser for the emergency services of each club.

There will be information booths, demonstrations, door prizes (over \$750 worth), and raffle prizes (over \$2500 worth). Prizes include Ham and non-Ham related items.

General public and Hams alike are welcome. Cost is \$7.00 per person (adults), \$5.00 per child (6-12), younger children free with accompanying parent or guardians). Licensed hams receive \$1.00 off at the door. Each entry receives one free door prize ticket. Donations (including meal tickets) are tax deductible. At least 2 door prizes will be awarded (must be present) every 15 minutes. Raffle tickets (need not be present to win) are \$1.00 each.

This will be an evening of fun, and a great end to the drive to Sea-Pac. As always, Sea-Pac will have drive-in help on the linked repeaters (145.450/146.660/444.775, tone of 118.8). The Spaghetti Feed will use the simplex frequency of 146.40.

Hope to see you there!

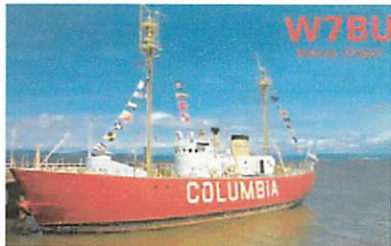
Ken Lucke WA7PIX
Chairman

Spaghetti Feed Committee

SEARC/STARS



Sunset Empire
Amateur Radio
Club - W7BU



VOLUNTEER EXAMS IN MARCH AND APRIL

VE session attendance was a little bit lighter the last two months, though still quite strong compared to our long-term norm of about six applicants each month.

The March 1 session saw 14 applicants with 8 Technicians, 4 Generals, and 1 Extra. Two of the Generals are new licensess who passed both exams at the session.

On April 5 we tested 12 people and issued two Technicians, 6 Generals (one a new ham) and two extras. We had one empty-handed applicant in March and two in April.

Many thanks to VEs Will N7THL, Everett W6ABM, Len W7JLX, Claire N7CM, Ernie K7EAJ, Dick KA7SPS, and Joel AD7IS.

A successful session was held on Saturday May 3rd. We'll report on this event in June.

There will be no session on June 7th in Hillsboro, but we will be at Sea-Pac on Saturday, May 31st.

73,

Carl WS7L
OTVARC VE Team



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CLUB JACKETS

If you are interested in purchasing an OTVARC a high-quality Club Jacket, contact Pat N7PAT as soon as possible. We are attempting to arrange for an order that will be ready before SEA-PAC.

The Jackets are of similar design to the classic red club jackets. They are being purchased locally and with your check for \$45.00 made out to Class Act Apparel you will be added to the list. Call or email (n7pat@arrl.net) Pat N7PAT for more information. Do it right away.

TUALATIN VALLEY CONTESTERS ARRL AFFILIATED

Washington County - CN85

Affiliated Club Tualatin Valley Contesters
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Affiliated with the Oregon Tualatin Valley Amateur Radio Club

Radio	Confirming QSO			PSE QSL		TNX QSL	
	Month	Day	Year	UTC	RST	Mode	MHz

The Tualatin Valley Contesters was formed in 2007 to encourage on-air operation through contesting. It also encourages development of on-air skills. It is operated as an adjunct to OTVARC and nearly all TVC members also are members of OTVARC. The core group of founding members are leaders in OTVARC's Contest Group.

The W7TVC call sign was selected to closely relate to OTVARC's W7OTV.

The OTVARC Contest Group continues to operate three or four contests a year, activating W7OTV. These have been the North American QSO Party (Spring and Fall) and the 7th Area QSO Party (May).

The Tualatin Valley Contesters includes members who desire to take contesting a next step higher. Congratulations to Tualatin Valley Contesters on the decision of The ARRL Board of Directors to recognize their affiliation with ARRL. Currently, Ron O'Connor KD7VIK serves TVC as President, allowing close planning between the contest activities of the two entities.

The TVC QSL Card is shown above.



**THE
BARREL**

Read the collected thoughts of our president, **Robert WN7O** here...or online at the club website:
www.otvarc.org/president/index.html

At the web site, you'll find past BARREL contributions, plus other up-to-date information on the life of Oregon Tualatin Valley Amateur Radio

COMPLETED YOUR SEA-PAC REGISTRATION?

Go to www.seapac.org and do it online.

30th Anniversary SPECIAL EVENT STATION

This year, May 8th, marks the 30th Anniversary of Oregon Tualatin Valley Amateur Radio Club. Events to help us celebrate these achievements begin in May.

We will operate **W7OTV** as a *Special Event Station* on May 10, 17 and 24. and at **SEA-PAC**. We'd like you to be in the log both as a contact and as an operator. The first operation will be on Saturday, May 10th at the home of Everett W6ABM beginning at 10:00 am.

If you'd like to participate, contact Ron O'Connor KD7VIK or Everett Curry W6ABM at callsign@arrrl.net.

LUNCH BUNCH

Saturday May 24, 2008
at 1:30 pm

Happy Panda
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